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The New Mexico Film Office Announces “Captain Fantastic” to begin production in New Mexico

SANTA FE —New Mexico Film Office Director Nick Maniatis announced today that the feature “Captain Fantastic”, produced by Electric City Entertainment and ShivHans Pictures, will begin principal photography in New Mexico. Production will take pace in Albuquerque, Las Cruces and Mesilla mid-August through the end of August.

“We are pleased to welcome ‘Captain Fantastic’ to New Mexico and even more pleased that they will be spending time in the southern part of our state where I know they'll find excellent crew and a film friendly community waiting to welcome them, as well,” said New Mexico Film Office Director Nick Maniatis.

The production will employ at least 75 New Mexico crew members, 1 New Mexico actor and approximately 220 local background talent.

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima stated, “It’s wonderful to have a film like ‘Captain Fantastic’ choose Las Cruces as a film location. Film production is a great way to promote Las Cruces, create jobs and bring outside dollars to the region, and the City will be stepping up its efforts to recruit more film production to the Las Cruces region.”

Directed by Matt Ross (*28 Hotel Rooms*) along with Producers Lynette Howell and Jamie Patricof (*Big Eyes*, *The Place Beyond the Pines*, *Blue Valentine*), Shivani Rawat and Nimitt Mankad (*Imagine*, *Trumbo*).

Starring Viggo Mortensen (*A History of Violence*, *The Road*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Eastern Promises*) and Frank Langella (*Frost Nixon*, *Robot & Frank*, *Superman Returns*), “Captain Fantastic” is about a passionate father who is so devoted to teaching his six children how to live, be free, and survive in the world that he has moved them deep into the forests of the Pacific Northwest. He spends his days teaching them combat skills, training them like professional athletes, homeschooling them in a rigorous classical education, and introducing them to the beauty of the natural world. However, when he is forced to leave their self-created paradise and confront the real world, he begins a journey that challenges his unorthodox parenting.

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